GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY WILD ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides compensation to the families of the victims of wild animals including elephants who destroy the crops, dwelling houses land property and kill the people recently in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria fixed in this regard;

(c) the number of such incidents which came to the notice of the Government during the last three years and current year, till-date, State-wise and location-wise;

(d) the amount of compensation paid or proposed to be paid to the families of persons killed in such incidents during the said period, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to protect the lives of people from such attacks and to keep the animals in their habitats;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S REGHUPATHY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. As reported of the State Government, following norms for payment of compensation have been fixed by the Government of Assam:-

(i) Rs 40,000 for death of any person
(ii) Rs 20,000 for permanent disability
(iii) Rs 10,000 for loss of single limb
(iv) Rs 1,000 for treatment of any injury
(v) Rs 500 for damage to each livestock subject to maximum of Rs 2,500
(vi) Rs 1,000 for crop damage per bigha subject to maximum of Rs 2,500
(vii) Rs 1,000 for partial damage and Rs 2,000 for total damage to a dwelling house.

(c) & (d) As reported by the State Government, year-wise details of damage caused by wild elephants and the ex-gratia paid by the State Government during the last three years are as follows:-

DETAILS OF DAMAGES CAUSED BY WILD ELEPHANTS

Year	Persons killed	Damage of Households Full	Partial	Damage of crops area in hect.
2004-05	57	1260	468	417.42
2005-06	67	1347	140	1100.64
2006-07	47	315	90	1107.30

DETAILS OF EX GRATIA PAID BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT

(Rs in lakhs)

Sl.no.	Year	Ex-gratia amount paid by State Government
1.	2004-05	23.00
2.	2005-06	29.911
3.	2006-07	25.935

(e) Central Government is providing financial assistance to the State Government under the Project Elephant scheme to take actions for protecting the lives of people and for ensuring conservation and development of the elephant habitats.